



Docket No.: 43890-430

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of	:	Customer Number: 20277
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Takayuki URATA, et al.	:	Confirmation Number: 9745
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Serial No.: 09/608,169	:	Group Art Unit: 1772
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Filed: June 30, 2000	:	Examiner: M.A. PATTERSON
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For: VACUUM HEAT INSULATOR, HOT INSULATING DEVICE USING VACUUM HEAT INSULATOR, AND ELECTRIC WATER HEATER		

**AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 27, 2004, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider the pending claims in view of the following remarks set forth below.